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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

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1. IN VIEW OF THE RESENTMENT ALREADY EXPRESSED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO OUR EARLIER DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS COULD NOT BE TIMELY SENT TO THE GOIC DELEGATE EVEN IF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WERE WILLING TO DO SO, I CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE A FURTHER DEMARCHE ON THE BASIS OF REFTELS A AND B.

2. COMMENT: ADDRESSEES MUST REALIZE THAT FOREIGN OFFICES SUCH AS THIS ONE (A) HAVE A MINIMAL INTEREST IN ISSUES SUCH AS PRG REPRESENTATION, (B) HAVE A BIAS IN FAVOR OF REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS, OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, (C) NEVER HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO THEIR NECESSARY WORK, (D) RESENT BEING TOLD HOW TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS.

3. IN ADDITION, IN ABIDJAN WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE RVN AMBASSADOR WHO BOTTONHOLES EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CONCEIVABLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM AND IMPORTUNES
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THEM TO SUPPORT HIS GOVERNMENTS POSITION. THE IVORIANS

RESENT THIS TREATMENT EVEN THOUGH THEY TOLERATE IT FROM
THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR. IN THE CASE OF THE U.S.
EMBASSY, THE RESENTMENT IS GREATER AND THE TOLERANCE IS LESS.

4. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS TOLD US REPEATEDLY THAT THEY
WILL SUPPORT OUR POSITION. AT THIS POINT I THINK WE
HAVE TO TAKE THEM AT THEIR WORD.
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